

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON  
JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION**

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED.\*\*\*  
INFORMATION IS REQUESTED TO COMPLY WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS  
FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS.**

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1. Indicate your present employment.

I am a Shareholder with the law firm of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell and Berkowitz in Memphis, Tennessee.

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- a. If you are an attorney, state the year you were licensed to practice law in Tennessee and provide your BPR Number.

I was licensed to practice law in Tennessee in 1998, and my BPR Number is 019341.

- b. If you are an attorney, identify your primary subject area(s) of practice, present and past.

My primary area of practice is and has been medical malpractice and nursing home litigation. During my employment as in house counsel for Federal Express Corporation, my area of practice focused on employment discrimination matters.

3. Please indicate the amount of time that you have been a citizen of the State of Tennessee.

I have been a citizen of the State of Tennessee for 38 years.

4. List the county or counties in which you have resided in the past year.

I have resided in Shelby County, Tennessee during the referenced time period.

5. Are you a salaried office holder of the State of Tennessee or the United States?

No.

6. If your response to question 5 was yes, are you a member of the national guard, member of any armed forces reserve organization, district attorney general or employee of a district attorney general, district public defender or employee of a district public defender?

Not applicable.

7. Have you ever pled guilty or been convicted or are you now on diversion for violation of any law, regulation or ordinance? Give date, court, charge and disposition.

No.

8. To your knowledge, are you now under federal, state or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute or disciplinary rule? If so, give details.

No.

9. Please explain why you would like to serve on the Judicial Nominating Commission and why you would be an effective member. (300 words or less)

As an attorney, the person who is presiding as a judge has a direct impact on a matter that I may have pending before that Court. In light of this, I would like the most qualified, competent and unbiased individual serving in that capacity. By serving on the Judicial Nominating Commission, I could serve a role that would assist in making certain that the judiciary encompasses those characteristics. Setting aside my self-interests in this regard, I am also a citizen of the State of Tennessee. In this position as a citizen, I have the same interests in having only the most qualified, competent and unbiased individuals presiding as judges. These interests stem from the potential impact judges have with their rulings not only on the litigants before that Court but potentially on the citizens of the State of Tennessee in general. Given the important and powerful roles judges play in our legal system, I would like to serve in some capacity that has a role in assuring that the individuals that occupy those positions are the best individuals for the positions.

Furthermore, I believe I would be an effective member of the Judicial Nominating Commission for a number of reasons. One is my desire to serve for the reasons stated in the paragraph above. Second, I would commit the time, energy and resources necessary to fully carry out my duties in reviewing the pool of candidates, scrutinizing the pool as needed and working with the other members of the Judicial Nominating Commission to select the most qualified individuals for the position. Third, I believe that my years of practice and my time before the various Courts of this State provide me with a unique insight into the judicial system that would benefit the Commission in carrying out its designated tasks.

10. The Lieutenant Governor (Speaker of the Senate) and the Speaker of the House both have appointments to the Judicial Nominating Commission. Please indicate to which office you would like your application to be sent for consideration.

☐ Lieutenant Governor

☐ Speaker of the House

☒ Both Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House

11. I certify that all information contained in this application is correct.

X I am not employed as a lobbyist.

X I am not an employer of a lobbyist.

X I do not hold office in any political party or political organization.

Dated this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.

  
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Signature of Applicant